

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Dan's Rock Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-078
Address: Dan's Rock Road City: Lonaconing vicinity Zip Code: 21539
County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Lonaconing
Owner: Maryland Department of Natural Resources Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: N/A Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: N/A
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Description

Dan's Rock is an outcrop of rock on Dan's Mountain, a mountain located between the North Branch of the Potomac River and Georges Creek, that is the eastern edge of the Allegheny Front. Dan's Rock at 2,898 feet above sea level is the highest point on Dan's Mountain and in Allegany County. Dan's Rock is an outcropping of exposed rocks of the Pottsville formation, which contains sandstones, siltstones, daystones, shales and several coal beds and date to about 300 million years old (Maryland Geological Survey 2008).

The apex of Dan's Rock is an open area devoid of trees that provides a natural scenic overlook towards the east and south and north along the valley. On clear days, three states (Maryland, West Virginia directly to the east and to the south, and Pennsylvania to the north) can be viewed from the top of the rocks. The view to the west is obscured by trees and affords only a glimpse of Big Savage Mountain, the next mountain west of Dan's Mountain that forms the boundary between Allegany and Garrett Counties.

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/5/09
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Reviewer, NR Program

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The public overlook on Dan's Rock is accessed by car along a rural road up the western slope of Dan's Mountain. A small gravel parking lot that accommodates three or four cars is at the base of the rock outcropping. The overlook is accessed by stone steps blasted into the rock. Two, open, wire-mesh metal viewing platforms with tubular metal railings are provided. The southern viewing platform incorporates a metal bench. Pathways through the rocks are augmented in sections by metal grates with tubular metal railings. All metal elements are of recent construction. The area does not have picnic tables and is not a trailhead for formal hiking trails.

Dan's Rock has been an established scenic overlook since the late nineteenth century as evidenced by names and dates carved into the rocks; the earliest date noted on a rock south of the southern viewing platform was dated 1867. It was possible to find carvings from each decade of the late nineteenth through mid-twentieth century during casual observation of the graffiti. Since post World War II, painting one's name and date of visit on the rocks has become the preferred method of graffiti. An unsystematic sampling of the range of graffiti is appended to the DOE.

Approximately sixteen towers, including communication towers and antenna, have been sited in the vicinity and are visible from the overlook. One tower is a metal fire watch tower constructed prior to 1950. This tower is an all-metal structure capped by an enclosed box. The towers and antenna are sited in a line along the ridge of Dan's Mountain generally set back west of the rocks.

History

Dan's Mountain is a 16-mile long mountain extending north and south in west-central Allegany County (Maryland Department of Natural Resources 2008). Dan's Rock is located at the summit of Dan's Mountain, 2,898 feet above sea level and spanning several hundred feet. Dan's Rock consists of several large quartzite and hard sandstone boulders piled on top of each other. The slope below the highest point is covered with "scattered shrubbery, small trees, and berry bushes," as well as graffiti. Dan's Rock was deposited more than 300 million years ago during the Pennsylvanian Period (Scott 1991:52).

The Cresap Family

Secondary sources provided contradictory accounts of the origin of the names "Dan's Mountain" and "Dan's Rock," but all agreed that the two features were named for Daniel Cresap (1728-1798), son of Thomas Cresap, an English immigrant who was an associate of eighteenth-century Maryland political figures and who played a prominent role in western Maryland history.

Thomas Cresap (1694-1790) immigrated to the colony of Maryland from Skipton, Yorkshire, England in 1710. He settled in Havre de Grace and married Hannah Johnson in 1727 (Cresap and Cresap 1937:293). The couple eventually had three sons, including Daniel, and two daughters. Cresap became involved in the border conflict between Pennsylvania and Maryland during the 1730s after he obtained a 500-acre tract more than 20 miles north of the current boundary but which was in a disputed area at that time. Cresap was imprisoned in Philadelphia but released after a provisional border was established in 1739 (Scharf 1882:76; Darlington 1893:203). The family moved to Antietam and then to Oldtown, in present-day Allegany County, in ca. 1742 (Scharf 1882:76; Darlington 1893:202). Cresap's home served as a tavern for travelers, including George Washington, a 16-year-old member of a surveying party, and he ran a trading post. He also surveyed the western boundary of Maryland for Lord Baltimore, surveyed a road from Oldtown to Pittsburgh, was a member of the Ohio Company, which established the first English settlement at Pittsburgh, and might have served in the Maryland legislature. During the French and Indian War, Cresap led his sons and other volunteers on skirmishes with Indians (Stegmaier et al. 1976:16, 60; Darlington 1893:204-5; Scharf 1882:75, 95, 100).

Daniel Cresap was born during the family's residence in Havre de Grace and remained in western Maryland after his family moved there. He married an unknown woman ca. 1749 and they had one son, Michael. He married Ruth Swearingen in 1750, and the couple had ten children (Cresap and Cresap 1937:294). Daniel Cresap was described as "a plain man" and "a man of sober habits, great industry, economy, and temperance." He was a farmer who amassed large landholdings; he received ten land patents between 1753 and 1794, as well as patents to 11 military lots (Allegany County Patent Records). He lived near Rawlings, where he built a stone house in 1789, and where he died in 1798 (Urbas 1991:63; Cresap and Cresap 1937:294). In

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addition to fighting in his father's company in the French and Indian War, he also served on the Committee of Safety during the Revolutionary War (Cresap and Cresap 1937:294).

Their children served in military and political positions. Michael commanded a company in Dunmore's War and was a militia colonel in Virginia; Daniel, Jr. served in the Revolutionary War, was a militia colonel in Allegany County, and commanded a regiment during the Whiskey Rebellion. Joseph served in Dunmore's War and the Revolutionary War, and represented Allegany County in the state legislature. Two other sons, James and Thomas, also served in the state legislature (Jacob 1866:42-3). Other public offices of people named Daniel Cresap are detailed in secondary sources, but it is not clear whether the reference is to Daniel Sr. or Daniel Jr., or to a member of a different branch of the Cresap family. Daniel Cresaps (Sr., Jr., and unknown) was appointed a surveyor for the town of Cumberland in 1787, served in the state legislature in 1790, served as a justice of the peace and a judge in the Orphans' Court in 1791, served on the levy court and as a county commissioner in 1791, (Scharf 1882:1346-51, 1372).

Evolution of the Names "Dan's Mountain" and "Dan's Rock"

Although the names Dan's Mountain and Dan's Rock might have been used locally, they did not appear in documented sources until the nineteenth century. No mountain was depicted at Dan's Mountain's location east of Georges Creek on the 1794 *Map of the State of Maryland*, and no mountain in that vicinity was named Dan's Mountain on the map (Griffith 1795). In 1824, James A. Smith patented a 139 1/8-acre tract called "Dans Mountain" (Allegany County Patent Records GGB 1:247). The earliest available account of the name origins was written in 1826. An 1838 deed used "Dan's Mountain" as a reference point for the land's location (Allegany County Land Records W:188). A mountain labeled "Dan's Mountain" was depicted on an 1838 map of Maryland (Bradford 1838).

Sources have used two anecdotes to explain the origin of the names. In the first account, Daniel Cresap chased bears up a tree on the mountain, and fell off the tree when he climbed too high. After being injured in the fall, Cresap was found by an Indian friendly to the Cresap family and taken to safety. In the other story, while Daniel Cresap and his brothers and father were pursuing Indians, Daniel pursued an Indian up a mountain, and he died after both shot each other at the same time.

The 1826 account was written by John J. Jacob, who lived with the family of Michael Cresap, one of Daniel's brothers, and handled various business affairs for him. The association suggests he might have known Daniel Cresap. According to the account, Daniel was bear hunting with an Indian named Nemacolin, who first met Thomas Cresap when he assisted Cresap with surveying the road to Pittsburgh, when the two separated and planned to meet later. Cresap walked to the top of the mountain (referred to in this account as "the Allegheny mountain") and chased some bear cubs up a tree. He climbed the tree to pursue the cubs, but he climbed too high and the tree could not support his weight. Cresap fell, landed on some rocks, and broke several bones and was knocked unconscious. Nemacolin found Cresap when he did not arrive at their meeting place. Because the account stated that Nemacolin went to Cresap's house to enlist his wife's aid, it implied that the event occurred after 1749, when Cresap married his first wife (whose name is unknown). He married his second wife in 1750 (Jacob 1866:42-3; Cresap and Cresap 1937:294). A family history published by The Cresap Society in 1937 quoted this story verbatim from Jacob's account (Cresap and Cresap 1937:143). A 1976 history of Allegany County also quoted Jacob's account (Stegmaier et al. 1976:60-61).

J. Thomas Scharf's 1882 *History of Western Maryland* recounted the Indian-pursuit story. Scharf described Daniel Cresap as "one of the colonel's sons, a young man of humane disposition and remarkable fleetness of foot," suggesting the event occurred during the mid-eighteenth century, before or shortly after he married. Scharf said that local residents named the mountain for Cresap after this incident because "young 'Dan' Cresap, on account of his generosity of spirit, was a great favorite with the mountaineers" (Scharf 1882:1324). However, Scharf also recounted an incident in which Daniel Cresap's brother, Thomas, Jr., was killed in a similar way. Scharf quoted the *Maryland Gazette's* account of this incident, dated 26 April 1756 (Scharf 1882:95). A 1901 historical paper about the life of Thomas Cresap also quoted the *Maryland Gazette's* account of the death of Thomas Cresap, Jr. The historical paper attributed the naming of Dan's Mountain and Dan's Rock to "a daring and brave hunting exploit in [Daniel Cresap's] early youth," a possible reference to the bear-hunting story (Stevenson 1901:155-57).

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A 1923 history placed Daniel Cresap at the center of both stories. The history stated that Dan's Rock received its name after Cresap fell from a tree onto the rock while bear hunting, and that Dan's Mountain was named after he "later" died there after he and an Indian shot each other at the same time (Thomas and Williams 1969:12).

Since it is known that Thomas Cresap, Jr., died ca. 1757 and that Daniel Cresap died in 1798, after most Indians left the area, the accounts of Daniel's death at the gun of an Indian are likely incorrect (Allegany County Will Records A:36-8; Cresap and Cresap 1937:293). The more believable of the two stories is the bear-hunting story, and no available evidence contradicts it.

Recreational Uses of Dan's Rock

The recreational use of Dan's Rock increased after transportation options improved. The first improved road to Dan's Rock, a dirt road, was completed in 1880. The road began one-fourth of a mile south of Vale Summit (previously known as Pompey Smash). Some residents opposed the road's construction because it would be used predominantly for "pleasure drives," rather than for "public convenience" (Scott 1991:52). Indeed, the road was used for this purpose for the next 50 to 60 years:

"Large groups of ladies and gentlemen in the latter half of the 1800s and the early 1900s passed over this road daily enroute to Dan's Rock. These excursionists and visitors came from all over Allegany County and hiked or traveled by horse and wagon or buggy to reach their destination. Family gatherings, Sunday school picnics, school outings, sightseeing visits, hay rides, sunrise and sunset viewing, and all-night camping were among the experiences enjoyed by those visiting the rock" (Scott 1991:52).

The Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad transported passengers to the Vale Summit station during the 1880s and 1890s. The railroad advertised that it could arrange for a carriage from this station to Dan's Rock. The railroad considered constructing a narrow-gauge railroad from Vale Summit to Dan's Rock, and it surveyed a route in 1882, but it did not pursue it (Scott 1991:53).

The dirt road gradually was used less often after a new county road from Midland was built after 1900 and the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad was abandoned during the 1930s (Scott 1991:52).

Local newspapers printed visitors' letters of appreciation for the beauty of the view from Dan's Rock, which they praised as one of the best in the country. One writer ranked the view with that of Niagara Falls, the Yosemite Valley, and western canyons. A Federal surveyor who visited the area in 1884 from the west stated that it was "the finest in the United States." Another writer said she would travel to Dan's Rock once or twice a year to watch the sun rise. The previous evening, her group would ride in a wagon and then walk the rest of the way, sleep in blankets on the rock, and then cook breakfast over a campfire while the sun rose (Scott 1991:53).

Interest in excursions to Dan's Rock was so great that a local official, county commissioner Nathan Loar, announced plans in 1882 to build a summer hotel nearby. A local newspaper reported Loar's planning progress and stated that he intended to complete construction in 1883. The building was never completed (Scott 1991:54).

Recreational excursions continued into the twentieth century. Local history author Harold L. Scott remembered spending the Monday after Easter during the 1930s and 1940s walking with other youths from Vale Summit and Loartown to Dan's Rock:

"Once at the rock we spent the day climbing over the craggy stone surface, enjoying the breathtaking view of the valley below and socializing with one another. At noon, we would eat our paper bag lunch on the Table Rock or on the grassy area at the bottom of the Big Rock. Late in the afternoon, weary from the day's activities and with the day starting to draw to an end, small groups would gradually begin leaving the location for the trek back down the road to home" (Scott 1991:54).

Scott expressed concern that during the mid- and late twentieth century, the natural atmosphere of Dan's Rock began deteriorating because of an accumulation of broken glass, beer and soft-drink cans, cardboard containers, and remains of burned firewood, as well as of communication towers and buildings that interfere with the view. By 1991, local civic organizations began making efforts to clean up the area (Scott 1991:55).

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Significance

Dan's Rock is a natural landscape feature from which a scenic vista over the valley on the east side of Dan's Mountain can be viewed. As a prominent landscape feature, the area has attracted short-term use for hunting and later recreation. Since the late nineteenth century, Dan's Rock has evolved into a destination for passive recreation, such as landscape and wildlife viewing and picnicking. After the Civil War, Dan's Rock became a day-trip recreation destination for local residents and tourists who traveled by train and wagon to reach it. Some of these visitors carved their names and the dates of their visits on the exposed rocks. The tradition of marking the rocks by spray painting continues to this day.

No documentation to date suggests that Dan's Rock has been associated with a specific historic event in the history of Allegany County or Maryland applying National Register Criterion A. The type of human activity associated with a visit to Dan's Rock is passive recreation that pulls visitors from Allegany County and the local region, as well as tourists to the area. Passive recreation at this site generally is short-term in nature, seasonal, and cyclical in popularity. These activities are associated with individuals and small groups, and have not been identified as associated with the beliefs, practices, lifeways, arts, crafts, and social institutions of any community, prehistoric or historic. Throughout the late nineteenth century and into the twentieth century, the extent of seasonal visitation remained modest in scale. The local residents' hope to build a tourist trade based on the popularity of visitation to Dan's Rock did not result in the construction of hotels or visitor amenities. No recreational support structures older than fifty years of age are located at Dan's Rock. Therefore, National Register Criterion C does not apply.

The rock is named for Daniel Cresap, the eldest son of Thomas Cresap, who settled near the present town of Rawlings, Maryland, during the latter half of the eighteenth century. He was a respected citizen of the area when he died in 1798. Daniel Cresap hunted the area extensively, and had a one-time life-altering hunting adventure somewhere in the vicinity of Dan's Rock. The naming of the mountain and the rock in his honor is more commemorative in nature and not because the mountain or the rock were associated with the productive life of an early settler applying National Register Criterion B.

Sampling of Graffiti

The earliest graffiti dated from the late nineteenth century located on Dan's Rock are generally carved names and dates by visitors to commemorate their visits. The earliest graffiti observed during an unsystematic study of the graffiti was dated 1867. Earlier graffiti may exist on the rock, but has either been weathered or covered by more recent graffiti which makes it unreadable. While carving one's name and date of visit continues to be utilized today, the preferred method following World War II is the use of spray paint to leave one's mark on the rock. Many symbols, images, and vulgarities have also been painted on Dan's Rock. Layers of painted graffiti cover each other and obscure carved graffiti making it difficult to decipher the graffiti. At least two U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey reference markers are imbedded into the rock as well.

Carved:

Juanita L. | J L Ashley | 1867 Aug. 14
JE KLINE | Oct 9 1870
W.H. Fischer | 1896
NA Fogle | AR
T.S. PRESTON | 11 1883 | ELEH | STRICKLAND (curved down)
W.T. Jordan | Sep | 1879
Wm | Lancaster | Pittston PA | Sep. 6. 09
P.D. | C.M. | 27 (inside carved heart)
E.M.W. 1934
1940 | C.L. Steenson
L. Mills | 6-75
ADD | GROSE
J.W.A | R.T. 33
M.K.M

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DL | JH | 28
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JCC | 1998
D.W. RAUSH | B.H. Mich
GLENN | + | ANNE
JME.
D.A.F. | 60
DAN T.
C.C. CLINE | M.V. ROCKWELL
C.H. LIVENSTONE
GERALD ANDERSON | 7/22
C.A. LAPP | H.A. LAPP

Painted:

JCC | 1959
I ♥ KING JUAN
Ciova | '09
Smashley
BONSKI | FSU | LAX
JOE E.
'06 AMANDA | '08 DONNIE (vertical)
Dan + Lizz
DC+ED
BMN | TJM
I ♥ CODY (inside painted heart)
Class of '09
R.I.P. Alex
TM
JD ♥ KIM
KB!
I ♥ Ashley
Shane

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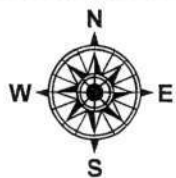
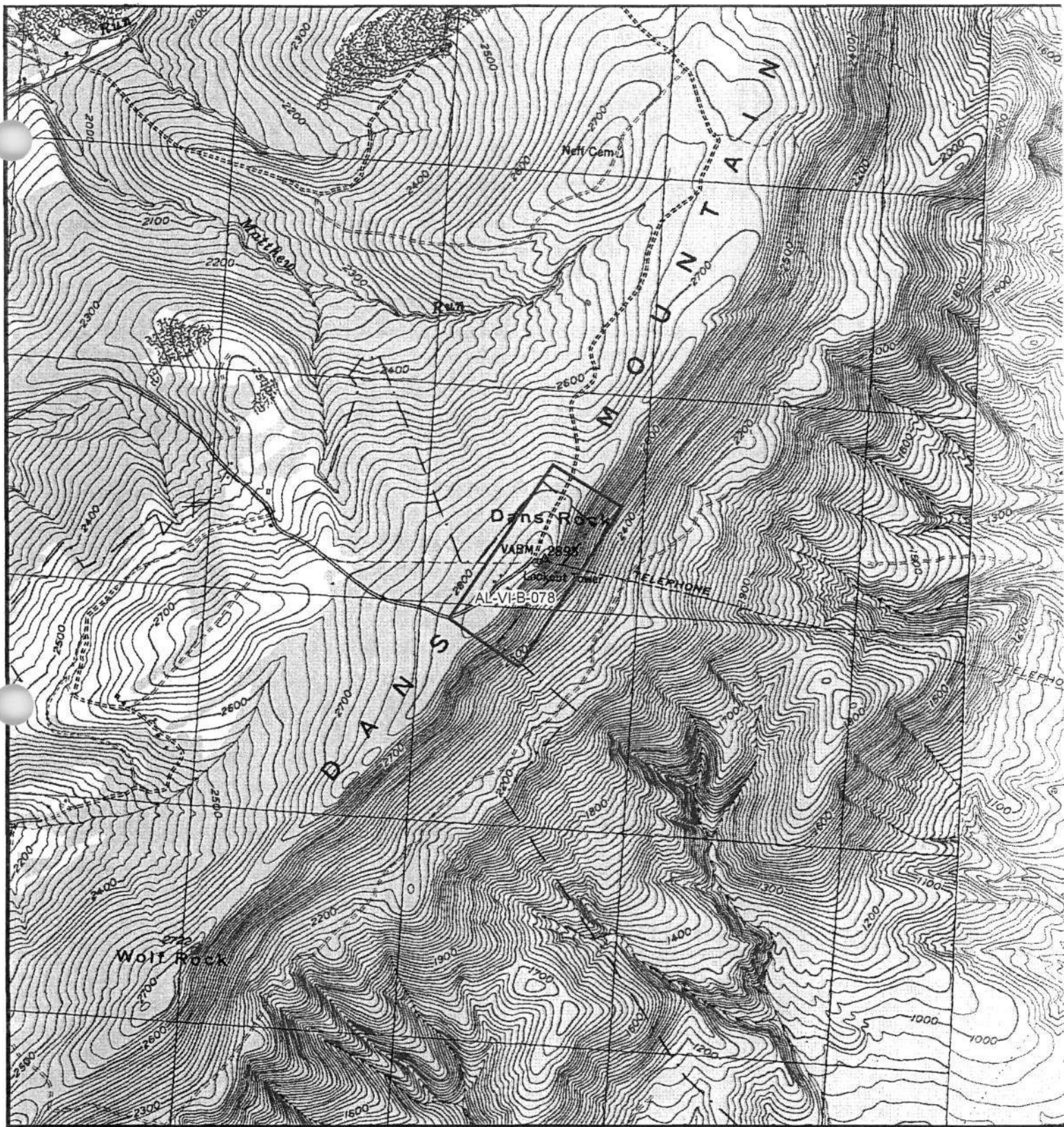
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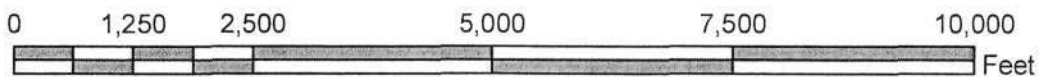
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Dan's Rock
Lonaconing
USGS 7.5 minute Lonaconing Quadrangle map
1:24:000 scale

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4. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
5. September 2008
6. MD SHPO
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AL-VI-B-078_2008-09-17_07.tif – Carved graffiti dated 1867
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View from Dan's Rock facing northeast

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View from Dan's Rock facing southeast

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Watch tower facing south

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Communication towers facing west

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U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey reference marker

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Carved graffiti dated 1883

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JUANITA

JL A Stuffy

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Carved graffiti dated 1867

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Overview of painted graffiti facing north

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Overview of painted graffiti facing north

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DAN'S ROCK

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Dan's Mountain - Allegany Front, Lonaconing
Prehistoric

Dan's Rock, which is situated along Dan's Mountain, peaks at a height of 2,895 feet above sea level. Dan's Mountain itself rises to an average height of 2,913 feet and the gorges at its feet are wild and picturesque. The rock obtains its local significance from an incident involving Daniel Cresap, son of one of the first settlers to the area, Michael Cresap. It is said that while hunting, he fell from a tree onto the rock and from that point on the ridge where he had fallen was named in his honor.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

* HISTORIC

Dan's Rock

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dan's Mountain - Allegany Front

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert L. Blough

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

U. S. National Bank Building

CITY, TOWN

Johnstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Pennsylvania 25901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Dan's Rock is located at the end of Dan's Rock Road, east of Midland, Allegany County and is the summit of Dan's Mountain.

The location is designated as a scenic look out point from the advantage of 2,895 feet above sea level. Dan's Rock is actually situated along Dan's Mountain which is part of the Allegheny Front. The front is one of the divisions of the physiographic regions of Maryland and runs southwest, northeast with the length of the Appalachian. The Allegheny Front marks the end of the Folded Ridge and Valley geographic region and the beginning of the Allegheny Plateau region when moving from east to west. The advantage point of Dan's Rock is an outcropping of sandstone at the summit of the Dan's Mountain anticline and over looks the three states of Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dan's Rock, which is situated along Dan's Mountain, peaks at a height of 2,895 feet above sea level. Dan's Mountain itself rises to an average crest line of 2,913 feet and the gorges at its foot are wild convoluted and picturesque.¹ "The aerial perspective reveals a stretch of symmetrical ranges which once, ages past, formed the flat lands not the crests, of this mountain plateau."² This mountain plateau, known as the Allegany Front, now serves as the division of Maryland's Physiographic regions of the Folded Ridge and Valley and the Allegany Plateau. In the years of exploration and settlement of Allegany County, Thomas Cresap had pushed westward up the Potomac River. Here he settled at the present Town of Oldtown. Cresap had several children, the oldest of whom was Daniel. Daniel was a venturesome sort and spent much of his time, exploring the mountains. One of Daniel's exploits that achieved legendary status, was his tracking and treeing of bear cubs. Daniel ascended the tree until he fell and suffered injury. From that time the ridge where Daniel had fallen has been known as Dan's Mountain.³

1 Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Va.; McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 5

2 Ibid

3 Ibid, p.61

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1824.85 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

3/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

507 National Highway

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

LaVale,

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-078

411/525

DATE: February 8, 1977

1824.85 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Dan's Rock

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Dan's Mountain - Allegany Front

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Runs North-South

NAME OF OWNER: Robert L. Blough

ADDRESS: U. S. National Bank Building

Johnstown, Pa. 25901

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Scenic

Significance -

Date Constructed -

Condition -

AI-VI-B-058

AI-VI-B-Q59

AI-VI-B-053

AI-VI-B-057

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AI-VI-B-055

AI-VI-B-031

AI-VI-B-030

AI-VI-B-063

AI-VI-B-060

AL-VI-B-078

Dan's Rock

Dan's Rock Rd, Midland

USGS - Lonaconing Quad

124,000

19704 Revised

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Dan's Rock

Dan's mtn. - Allegany Front
near Kenacoening

2/8/77

John Nelson

~~west~~ east



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Dan's mtn. - Allegheny Front
near Kenacoaning

2/8/77

John Nelson

~~west~~ east



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Dan's Rock

Dan's Mt. Allegany Front

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

~~South~~ Northeast



AI-VI-B-078

Dan's Rock

Dan's Mt. - Allegany Front

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

Southeast